

The Honorable William "Bill" Edwards, Mayor (present)
The Honorable Catherine F. Rowell, District 1, Mayor Pro Tem (present)
The Honorable Carmalitha Gumbs, District 2 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Helen Z. Willis, District 3 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Naeema Gilyard, District 4 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Rosie Jackson, District 5 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable khalid kamau, District 6 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Mark Baker, District 7 Councilmember (present)

WORK SESSION MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 5:01pm. The roll was called by the City Clerk. All members were present.

 a. Municipal Court Overview Slide Presentation – Chief Judge Tiffany Sellers

During her PowerPoint presentation, Chief Judge Sellers introduced each Court staff member and defined their individual roles in the Court. Judge Sellers outlined the case process from start to

finish, including police citations, daily case intake, methods of payments, hours of operation, security personnel and Court contact information.

Mayor Pro Tem Rowell requested a cost analysis for consideration by the City Council of a Capital Improvement budget for modernization purposes of the Municipal Court.

Mayor Edwards requested the legal staff to provide members of the City Council a copy of the Boxill resolution from Fulton County.

b. Proposed City Criminal Ordinances – Chief Judge Tiffany Sellers City Solicitor, Attorney LaDawn Blackett Jones

City Solicitor LaDawn Blackett Jones gave a presentation of a proposed framework for considering the development of a Criminal Code for the City, as requested by Chief Judge Tiffany Sellers. As requested by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell, her presentation focused on sections of the proposed criminal code that are different from Fulton County's code.

Following Council's discussion of the various proposals presented by the City Solicitor, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Willis to request Legal to provide the City Council with a list of pending legislation requested by all Councilmembers for the City Council's review at each Work Session, in order to avoid duplicating of efforts. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Rowell requested Mayor Edwards to have a Work Session on this matter specifically to take a deeper dive into the criminal code, and she recommended that the City Council do this same exercise for all areas of the City's future Code.

c. Audit Update - CFO Frank Milazi

CFO Frank Milazi gave an Audit presentation to include the annual reporting requirements pursuant to State law, and information pertaining to a proposal for professional auditing services from Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC for the period ending September 30, 2017, in the amount of \$23,750.00. The fees include preparation of draft financial statements, and issuance of a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

d. Fire Rescue Uniform Request – CFO Frank Milazi

CFO Frank Milazi gave an overview of the Fire and Rescue Department's need for uniforms, prior to February 26, 2018 (anticipated transition date). The amount budgeted will not exceed \$300,000.00. The order needs to be placed no later than Friday, January 12, 2018.

A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to approve the requested expenditure for the Fire Department, in order to transfer the Department over by February 26, 2018. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

- e. Capital Improvement Projects CFO Frank Milazi
 - Cascade Road over Branch of Utoy Creek Culvert
 - Butner Road at Stonewall Tell Road
 - 2018 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG)

CFO Frank Milazi gave a presentation regarding the pending Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs) requiring a match by the City for 2018.

With respect to the Cascade Road over Branch of Utoy Creek Culvert, Fulton County is requesting \$100,000.00 from the City for the design of the new culvert crossing. With respect to Butner Road at Stonewall Tell Road, a 20% match is required totaling \$481,569.19.

And with respect to the 2018 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG), a 30% match totaling \$347,034.18 is required.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Willis to set aside the match requirements as stipulated in the presentation from CFO Milazi for the three Captial Improvement Projects (CIPs), as listed. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

- f. Anti-Blight and Derelict Property Ordinance
- g. Impact Advisory Committee

Following a brief presentation by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell regarding her interests in presenting legislation in the two areas above (f. & g.), Councilmember Jackson expressed an interest in holding store owners responsible for blighted properties. Councilmember Willis requested Legal to get a copy of recent legislation passed in DeKalb County to deal with the issue of imposing demolition fees to the property owners.

h. ADDED: Proposed Truck Restricted Routes (by David Clark, Fulton County Public Works director)

Following a brief presentation by Mr. Clark, members of the City Council offered comments and their appreciation for the work performed over several months by Mr. Clark and Councilmembers.

- Executive Session, if necessary
- Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Rowell entertained a motion to adjourn the Work Session. A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Baker to adjourn the Work Session. Hearing no objection, the motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

The Work Session adjourned at 6:52pm.

Mark Massey, City Clerk

